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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/632,558	Applicant(s) REISBERG ET AL.	
	Examiner Michael C Astorino	Art Unit 3736	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1-2 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In regards to claim 1:

The claims are only to have one “.” at the end of the claim. The applicant should replace the “.” with “;”

The use of quotation marks should not be used in the claims. This includes “axioms”, “postulates”, and “caveats”;

In regards to claim 2:

In lines 1-2, “wherein said axioms are selected from the following:” should be changed to “wherein said axioms are selected from the group consisting of:”;

In line 2, the language “These axioms include the following:” should be removed from the claim;

the claims are only to have one “.” at the end of the claim. The applicant should replace the “.” with “;”;

the use of quotation marks should not be used in the claims, particularly “taste”; and

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In regards to claim 1:

Claim 1 is written in a passive voice. Method claims should be written in an active voice. For example the use of the word(s) and phrase(s) “can”, “cannot”, “alternative”, “can, to some extent.” Additionally, the limitations claim 1, lines 6-19, the applicant states “this is accomplished by the following...”, then lists five procedures. The quoted language should be amended to affirmative language so the examiner can properly identify the scope of the claim language. For example, if the all of the procedures are to be claimed, then the applicant can claim as a replacement for “(b)”, “(b) Translation of each of the FAST, BCRS and GDS staging elements into corresponding developmental ages (DAs) by the following procedures:”

In addition, the examiner cannot discern whether applicant is claiming the five procedures conjunctively or disjunctively. For example, if the applicant wants to claim all of the procedures (conjunctive) he should use “and” after a semi-colon at the end of the fourth procedure. The same type of changes should be made for limitation “(f)” and “(g).”;

The use of parenthesis, in page 23, claim 1, line 4, “(emotional, physical and cognitive)” is indefinite because it is unclear if the applicant is claiming that limitation; and

The use of the word “novel” in claim language in limitation “(g)” must be excluded from the claim.

In regards to claim 2:

“i.e., likes and dislikes” should be removed from the claim;

In regards to claim 3:

It is unclear to the examiner if “including the following” in line 2, means one of the limitations or all of the limitations. The quoted language should be amended to affirmative language so the examiner can properly identify the scope of the claim language.

“The kind of activities which children find frightening or upsetting...”, “...and related retrogenic dementia patients find upsetting...”, “The kind of activities which a child considers “childish” or “baby like”...”, “...and related retrogenic dementia patients may find humiliating...”, “The kind of activities which promote healthy and optimal...”, and “are similarly the kinds of activities...” are vague at least because the scope of claim indefinite by using language that is speculative.

Lastly, the use of quotation marks should not be used in the claims, particularly “childish” or “baby like”.

Note to the applicant. The examiner has performed a prior art search and has not found any prior art to reject the applicant’s invention. However, the examiner reserves stating that the claims are allowable over the prior art since the numerous 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, rejections have made it extremely difficult to ascertain the scope of the claimed language.

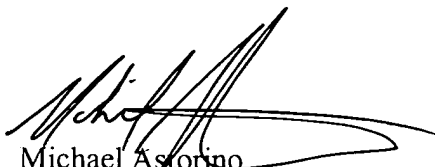
Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kluger et al. 6,067,986 A, Souren-Franssen et al. US Patent Number 5,782,777 A, Franssen et al. US Patent Number 5,150,716 A, and Sclan et al. US Patent Number 5,082,446 A.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C Astorino whose telephone number is 571-272-4723. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30AM to 3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Max Hindenburg can be reached on 571-272-4726. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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